

Christmas Browder Pleas Pour In to F.D.R.

Thousands Send Wires; New Unions Join in Call for Release

The holiday season has given additional stimulus to hundreds of thousands of people in their determination to see justice and fair play a living reality. The holiday wires and mails are calling upon the President of the United States to immediately take executive action in the Browder case and release the incarcerated anti-fascist from Atlanta penitentiary now.

The Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, 1133 Broadway, is being informed by thousands of individuals and organizations who have not heretofore taken action on the Browder case that they are wiring and writing to President Roosevelt pleading for the freedom of Browder during the holiday season.

The Midwest Council No. 12 of the International Woodworkers of America with a membership of 7,500 has informed Tom Mooney, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, that they have passed a resolution in the name of American justice, fair play and national unity to ask President Roosevelt for the immediate freedom of Browder.

DEFENSE DRIVE OF FIRE DEPT'S A SUCCESS

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AFI BAKERS WIRE FDR

AFI Bakery and Confectionary Workers International Union, New York Local No. 1, wired to the President that "our last membership meeting went on record to request that you exercise your power of executive clemency to free Earl Browder from Atlanta prison. Mr. Browder has already served nine months in jail, and paid a \$2,000 fine for a mere technical passport violation. Mr. Browder is a known anti-Nazi and now at Christmas time, a great wrong should be eliminated. The three AFI officials signed to the wire were: M. Haber, Secretary; Frank Datto, Business Representative; and Rudolph Koehler, Organizer."

Twenty-one youth representatives throughout the country appealed by wire to President Roosevelt that "in the maintenance and extension of democracy and civil rights, we urge you through your good offices to release Earl Browder. . . . American youth are determined to defend our country against all enemies of our democracy. We are devoted to the democratic traditions of our country and to its spirit of freedom, justice and fair play. . . . We do not subscribe to the political philosophy of the Communist Party but we are convinced that the penalty Mr. Browder must pay for a small, technical offense is too high."

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'Lost' British Regiment Slashes Japanese Lines

SINGAPORE, Dec. 26 (UP).—Dispatches disclosed today that a British "lost" regiment, fighting as a roving column behind Japanese lines, had slashed through the enemy and rejoined their comrades on the northern Malayan front.

Two-thirds of the unit, advisers said, safely reached the British positions.

By-passed by Japanese forces advancing down the Malayan west coast in Kedah Province, the regiment found itself in the midst of the enemy army—its communications cut off and "on its own."

TANKS BATTLE ON MANILA ROAD

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CONGRESS CHEERS CHURCHILL'S CALL FOR TOTAL AXIS SMASHUP

Kaluga Recapture Near As Soviets Smash On

Nazi Wounded Back—Crowds Flay Hitler

Thousands of Casualties Pour Into Axis Nations; Berlin Has Disorders

(By Wireline to Inter-Continental News)

ISTANBUL, Dec. 26.—Thousands of wounded and frost-bitten German soldiers are pouring into Rumania and Bulgaria, with 23,000 arriving in the last two weeks, reports reaching here reveal.

Travellers reaching this Turkish city also declare that serious disorders broke out in Berlin several days ago on the arrival of hospital train filled with seriously wounded German soldiers from the Eastern Front. All the wounded were natives of Berlin and its suburbs.

A huge crowd gathered before the railroad station and the police were powerless to disperse the people. When the wounded were unloaded

from the cars the crowd broke through the police cordon into the station. The large number of casualties and their terrible appearance deeply shocked the crowd. Indignant cries denouncing Hitler and his ruling clique were heard from the crowd. After great difficulty the police finally cleared the station.

Departmental Funeral for Volunteer Who Died in Blaze Today

The Christmas Eve appeal by the city's Fire Department for civilian enrollment into the Fire Department Emergency Auxiliary Corps met with success, Assistant Fire Chief John J. McCarthy told the Daily Worker yesterday. Throughout the city, firemen conducted the Christmas

Boy Scouts Aid City Prepare Against Raids

New York's Boy Scouts began describing "What to Do in an Official U. S. Government poster describing 'What to Do in an Air Raid.'"

British Replace Commander of Far East Army

Popham Is Removed for Lt. Gen. Pownall in Reorganization

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The War Office announced tonight that Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Popham had arrived in Singapore and replaced Sir Robert Brooke-Popham as commander-in-chief of the British forces in the Far East.

It was the first news of the ouster of Brooke-Popham, who has been criticized in some British quarters since the British battleships Prince of Wales and Repulse were sunk off Malaya, but the War Office said Popham's appointment was made before the start of the Pacific war. The announcement recalled that when Brooke-Popham was named Chief of the Imperial General Staff on Nov. 18, Pownall was chosen for "a special appointment" which was not disclosed at that time.

Red Army Retakes Naro-Fominsk, Gains at Orel

MOSCOW, Saturday, Dec. 27 (UP).—The Red Army in a mid-night communique reported the recapture of Naro-Fominsk, 50 miles southwest of the capital, and the fall of German-held Kaluga, key junction of the Moscow-Bryansk and Tula-Smolensk railroads, appeared to be imminent.

A triumphant Soviet offensive seemed to have pulverized the German defenses on the whole South-Central Front, blasting out their hinges one by one and rolling steadily westward through the wreckage of a disorderly retreat.

The scope and power of the Red Army advance was reflected by a special broadcast reporting that 10,200 German soldiers suffering from typhoid fever had been taken from the Central Front alone between Sunday and Christmas Day.

KIL TYPHOID VICTIMS—Another in a series of reports of heavy losses suffered by the German army. A broadcast reported that about 10,200 German soldiers suffering from typhoid fever had been taken from the Central Front alone between Sunday and Christmas Day.

Kaluga evidently was doomed as the forces of Gen. Ivan Boldin crossed the frozen Oka River and took an important town on the west bank. A dispatch to Izvestia, the government newspaper, said that after consolidation of the Soviet positions at recaptured Aleksin and Tula, the Red Army resumed the pursuit of the Germans and smashed the rear of the 13th Army Corps.

The surprised German command General was said to have fled, abandoning his tank and sword in a peasant hut.

At the same time Gen. Grigori Khukov was pressing a two-pronged drive on Orel, another vital rail junction, and appeared to be nearing his goal.

North of Leningrad on the Karelian Front the Soviets pierced Finnish defenses, decimated a battalion, inflicted severe losses on another, and recaptured several villages.

Amid the accumulating reports of Soviet successes and the steady advance everywhere on the windy battlefield was a Leningrad radio announcement of the recapture of Oskuy, 18 miles northwest of Volkhov, in a big drive expected soon to break the 15-weeks siege of the old capital.

The night communique said that all day Friday the Red Army

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Allies Have One Aim, He Says—Full Victory

TIDE IS TURNING
Tribute to Heroic Soviet Battle Gets Ovation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared today that Great Britain and the United States will be able in 1942 to launch an "ample scale" offensive and ultimately "beat the life out of the savage" Axis powers.

Britain's No. 1 war leader—in the Capitol to plot Allied strategy with President Roosevelt—addressed a thunderously cheering, informal joint session of Congress. He spoke extemporaneously for half an hour in the heavily guarded, Senate chamber from which microphones carried his words throughout the world.

Among his millions of listeners was Mr. Roosevelt who sat by his radio in the White House. As he has so often warned the American legislators that it will be a long war—a war in which the people of freedom-loving lands will be called upon for great sacrifices.

VICTORY IS ASSURED
There will be costly reversals, he said, but an Allied triumph ultimately is assured.

"The question of whether delay comes in 1942 or 1943 or 1944 falls into its proper place in the grand proportions of human history," he declared.

"Sure I am that this day now, we are the masters of our fate; that the task which has been set us is not above our strength; that our endurance and our faith in our cause and unconquerable will power, salvation will not be denied us."

Immediately after his historic appearance Churchill hastened through cheering crowds to a luncheon which whisked him to the White House for another meeting of the Anglo-American War Council.

From these deliberations will emerge an inter-Allied master strategy board which will unify the forces of the United States, Britain, China, the Soviet Union and their Allies for an all-out war on all fronts.

Before joining the council meeting the Prime Minister met briefly with the President's Cabinet.

(The War Council sat for more than two hours. No official statement was issued, but Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and Secre-

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Von Brauchitsch Ouster Bares Nazi Army Conflict, War Failures --- Pravda

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Von Brauchitsch is an old officer of the German Army whose Nazi past is well known. He was made a Knight of the Iron

Cross for distinguished services in the blitzkrieg against Poland and decorated with the golden insignia of the Nazi Party for "successful operations" in Czechoslovakia.

"Von Brauchitsch was the savior of the plan of the campaign against France although the official press attributed it to Hitler. Von Brauchitsch supervised the execution of this plan and Hitler awarded him more decorations and promoted him to field marshal."

"But now von Brauchitsch has been dismissed. The German Commander-in-Chief has been recalled at the very height of the war on the Soviet German front."

The Pravda article then quotes passages from the memorandum submitted by Brauchitsch on the eve of the European war warning Hitler against plunging into the eastern campaign.

"Our aim can never be achieved by the campaign in the east where defeat awaits you and where you



Congress Hears Churchill. Speaking before the Congress of the United States yesterday, Prime Minister Winston Churchill is shown before the battery of microphones that carried his words to all parts of the world. Behind Churchill are Rep. William F. Cole (left) of Maryland, speaker of the House (pro-tem) and Vice President Henry A. Wallace.

President Sees Litvinoff On Anglo-U.S. War Talks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—President Roosevelt conferred today with Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff, bringing him up to date on Anglo-American war conferences led by the Chief Executive and Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Free French Say Isles Gave Aid to Enemy

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—Free French headquarters, taking a firm stand against a United States rebuke for the occupation of St. Pierre and Miquelon, charged today that the St. Pierre radio had been broadcasting weather reports useful to the enemy.

The formal statement followed an assertion by a Free French spokesman here that "we see no reason to alter the situation" because of unofficial word that the United States desires occupation forces withdrawn from the islands.

The pronouncements reflected a stiffening of the Free French attitude which earlier had implied pos-

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British Take Heavy Toll Of Invader In Malaya

Philippine Capital Made 'Open City' to Protect Civil Population

Allied Fronts

PHILIPPINES—American and Japanese tanks lock in furious battle 75 miles southeast of Manila as city is declared "open," with military and civilian government offices withdrawn.

SOVIET UNION—Red Army recaptures important city of Naro-Fominsk, 50 miles south of Moscow; reports 10,200 Nazis killed between Dec. 23 and 25 on central front.

MALAYA—Japanese pour waves of storm troops onto British lines 300 miles north of Singapore; British report their lines holding.

AFRICA—13,000 Axis prisoners taken; Libyan front continues.

CHINA—American, British, Dutch and Chinese governments create unified Far Eastern Command.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 26 (UP).—American and Japanese tanks clashed in violent and bloody battle 75 miles southeast of here and Japanese artillery massed in the northwest today as Manila was declared "open" and government and military departments evacuated under an aerial bombardment.

The evacuation was no retreat. An Army spokesman said it was ordered in hopes of saving the civil population from further air attacks and that the situation on the front had "improved." United States Commissioner Francis E. Sayre said in his evacuation message that "we will fight to the last man."

TANK BATTLE RAGES

The "open" communique issued from Army headquarters here at 5 P.M., just before evacuation, said "pressure is increasing on the Southeast Front," where, it said, both sides were suffering heavy casualties in a terrific tank fight.

Although the Lingayen front, some 100 miles northwest of here, was comparatively quiet, it was announced that Japanese artillery was being concentrated, air activity was "brisk," and there was little doubt that a fierce Japanese assault at the Pampanga Valley roadway to Manila was impending.

The Philippine capital was declared "open" at noon, under the rules of warfare by which all military objectives are removed and the civilians are spared further bombings, but the city was under air raid alarm at the time and there were four more alarms in the afternoon—a total of six for the day.

A check-up of the waterfront tonight showed that the day-long raids had resulted in the sinking of a government-owned dredger; a cutter damaged; the prow of the oiler Apo had been the target of nine bombs, all of which missed, and that two wings of the famed Pier 7, largest covered pier in the world, had been slightly damaged. Casualties were small, including two unidentified American soldiers.

An American mining engineer, B. A. Kernes, who arrived in Baguio with a party of Balatoc Gold Mining Co. miners, said a Japanese patrol was sighted near Baguio, the Philippine summer capital, 130 miles north of here, on Wednesday, and that they had probably reached that city by now. Baguio is the most Americanized city in the Philippines, a popular summer resort. Kernes said most Americans had left there for Manila but he understood that from 30 to 50 American women were still there.

A Washington communique reporting on Far Eastern operations said Manila was declared an open city under Hague Convention (IV) of 1907 Annex, Article 25, and that "our forces have complied with the stipulations of that convention." It repeated reports made by Admiral Thomas C. Hart, U. S. Far Eastern Fleet Commander, at Manila on Wednesday, that U. S. submarines had sunk a Japanese transport and a mine sweeper and probably had sunk another transport and a submarine tender.

DEFENSES REORGANIZED

(A War Department communique issued in Washington said Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Philippine troop commander, reported that he has "reorganized and strengthened the positions held by our troops in the general vicinity of Lingayen Gulf"—the northern front—commanding a broad avenue to Manila. "Repeated enemy assaults in this

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Program to Rehabilitate Moscow Area Begun

Communist Party Parley Speeds Recovery of Liberated Regions

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—The Moscow regional committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has taken steps to speed the economic recovery of districts recently liberated from Nazi invaders.

At a plenary session held here on Dec. 20 members also adopted resolutions outlining help for railway workers in re-establishing damaged tracks and bridges in the recently occupied districts. It was declared to be the duty of Communists to assist the work of restoration in every way.

The Secretary of the Moscow Committee and Moscow City Committee CPSU, Scherbakov, reported on his report Nov. 6 and in the speech on Red Square Nov. 7 are being carried out.

The plenum outlined measures for extending production of arms and ammunition and other types of production needed for the front.

Taking into account the special conditions of spring sowing in 1942, connected with the emergency situation, the plenum demanded that all Party and Soviet organs immediately start work in preparing for the spring sowing.

The plenum passed measures for restoring economy in the districts of the region liberated from the German occupiers. These measures include the restoration of industrial enterprises, municipal economy, collective and state farms, housebuilding and also helping the population of the towns and villages who have been stripped of all their belongings by the fascist marauders.

MAKE DONETZ SAFE, COMMUNIST PARTY URGES

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—The main task of Communists of the Donetz region is to see to it that the vital industrial region is made safe against any new Nazi onslaught. Dvinsky, secretary of the Rostov regional committee of the Communist Party, declared here in a report to a Party plenary session after the liberation of Rostov.

He dwelt in detail on the tasks facing the Party and the Soviet organizations.

"The enemy is not yet completely crushed and might yet collect its forces for a new onslaught. Rostov must be encircled by a belt of strong fortifications, and similar strongly fortified positions are to be built around every town throughout the frontal zone. This is the immediate task which the working people of the region must solve."

"In Rostov alone the fascist cutthroats burned and destroyed more than 100 buildings. The inhabited points in a number of districts were reduced to debris and charred ruins."

"Much work will be needed to repair the damage, which is also a task of the immediate future." The secretaries of the City and District Party committees told how normal life had been restored in the frontal zone.

FARMS RESUME WORK

The collective farms and machine tractor stations resumed work. The agricultural implements, scattered through the steppe, have been collected and tractor repairs have begun.

The local industrial enterprises in Novocherkassk, Kamenak and other towns in the Rostov region are increasing their output.

The plenum discussed preparations for and approved the plan for spring sowing for the collective farms of the region.

The coming spring will present many difficulties. Little autumn plowing has been done and much agricultural machinery and many draft animals were evacuated from the region.

The plenum paid serious attention to the restoration of all branches of agriculture in the districts liberated from the fascist invaders and noted with satisfaction that after the liberation of Rostov and other districts, the working people enthusiastically began repairing the damage.

In five to six days the power stations, water mains, street car service and other municipal services had been restored in Rostov.

Explosives Found On Japanese Ship At Brazilian Port

(By Wire to Inter-Continental News)

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 26 (UP).—Police investigating Japanese activities near Santos, important state of São Paulo coffee port, have discovered a large quantity of explosive aboard a Japanese fishing vessel, a reliable source said today.

The vessel owner was reported to have said he used the explosives in his trade.

Santos is a port of call for United States merchant and passenger vessels.

'Lost' Americans Return, Tell of Japanese Torture

Enemy Stripped Soldiers Naked, Forced Them to Run and Then Fired at Them

Editor's Note:

The following dispatch was filed in Manila today by Franz Weisblatt, United Press staff correspondent, who returned from the Lingayen front with three wounded soldiers, one of whom needed an emergency operation. Weisblatt went back to the front immediately in a delivery truck donated by Sam Gaches, a Manila merchant, which is to be used as an ambulance by the 26th Cavalry Regiment.—United Press.

WITH THE U.S.A.F.F.E. SOMEWHERE ON THE NORTH LUZON FRONT, Dec. 26 (UP).—Four American soldiers who had been listed as "missing in action" returned to their base today almost naked and reported that the Japanese had captured them, stolen their clothes, ordered them to run and then had fired at them.

They said they fell to the ground, pretending to have been shot, then crawled to safety.

They belonged to machine gun crews of the battle-scarred 26th Cavalry, armed forces of the Far East, and were captured at Binlangan, 15 miles from the Lingayen Gulf in the province of Pangasinan.

THROUGH JUNGLES
Crawling through shrubbery when the Japanese quit shooting, they made a two-day trek through wild jungle country back to the regiment.

One of the men, a sergeant, said he was naked when the Japanese "released" him. He picked up a shawl along the countryside. It was all he wore when he strode into camp today.

Six other members of the same regiment also returned with the other four. They had been isolated from the regiment during recent fighting, and met the others on the way in.

All were jubilantly welcomed. Their comrades managed to rustle up four chickens to provide a suitable home-cooking.

Evacuated from the town of Tuguegarao, in the northern province of Cagayan, told me that "forced labor, rape and execution is the Japanese order of the day there." I had no way of confirming the story the evacuees told me.

NAZI "TUTORS"
I was told that German instructors, who were in Japan for several years, "taught their pupils all tricks for terrorizing civilians."

The Japanese propaganda and Gestapo sections, the evacuees said, are divided into six columns. Upon occupying a town, the Japanese first send in three columns responsible for getting the "proper propaganda" to the people.

The next two columns confiscate all useable food supplies and equipment. The sixth column is known as the "Gestapo," which, the evacuees said, "actually used the old German atrocity method of lining up recalcitrant civilians against the wall and mowing them down in order to intimidate the rest of the townspeople."

The evacuees said the Japanese brought with them "occupation money" and that no other kind may be used in any occupied areas. They said the Japanese were collecting all genuine Filipino currency.

Ford Answers Two Questions on the Japanese War

By James W. Ford

Here are the answers to two questions put to me by a group of Negro people:

(1) What is Japan's aim in Asia in relation to her pretenses of being a "defender of darker races?"

(2) Is Japan's attack on the United States "anti-imperialist," or the question: is anyone who is fighting America fighting against imperialism?

My answers follow:

JAPAN'S REAL AIMS IN ASIA

1. Japan's real objectives were set forth in the notorious Tanaka memorandum, a secret document presented to the Mikado in 1927 by the then Premier, Baron Tanaka:

"... A more dangerous factor is the fact that the Chinese people MAY WAKE UP one fine day. ... WE MUST FEAR THE DAY WHEN CHINA UNITES, and her industries begin to flourish."

"We must from now onwards pursue our military ends and seize the heart of Manchuria and Mongolia, by diverse ways in order to be able on the one hand to DESTROY THE MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA. ... This is the key of our continental policy."

Japan wants to be considered defender of the "darker races." Is this possible of invaders who are robbing all Asia? When they began to conquer and maraud Asia, they showed their real, imperialistic aims.

The Japanese military began its campaign of "liberation of the darker races" in 1895, by an unprovoked attack on China; they grabbed large chunks of China, including Formosa. They imposed an indemnity of \$150,000,000 upon the poverty-stricken Chinese people.



Canadian Tanks for Red Army: Canadian-built tanks on the flat cars leave the Angus shops in Montreal on the first lap of the long journey to the Russian front. The tanks weigh 20 tons each and have a top speed of 20 miles an hour.

British-Made Tanks Aid Soviet Offensive

Hard Hitting 'Valentines' Play Havoc with Nazi Tanks on Battle Front

(By British Press Service)

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The large number of British-made "Valentine" and "Waltzing Matilda" tanks participating in the Soviet push proved an unhappy surprise to the Germans, according to a report from official sources in Moscow.

The Germans, evidently had not believed that the promise made to Stalin by Lord Beaverbrook and W. Averell Harriman, chairman of the American Mission to Moscow, could be so quickly fulfilled.

The British Military Mission in Moscow was congratulated by the Soviet military authorities on the fine all-round performance of both types of machines. They were especially pleased with the "Valentines", stating that the tracks and steering gear of these tanks are standing up splendidly to the hard ground and extreme winter conditions.

The "Valentines" are credited by the Russians with having played an important part in hurling back the German armies from the approaches to Moscow. These tanks took part in some fierce battles, and helped spread destruction and confusion among the enemy.

EFFECTIVE GUNS

The Russians reported that they found that the two-pounder high velocity gun carried in the turret of the "Valentine" penetrates the armor of the German tanks. Service at the front showed also that the armor of this British-made tank, which is thicker than any other tank of similar weight, is able to withstand terrific punishment.

Picking their way among German positions with ease, the "Valentines" did a great amount of damage to German tanks, smashing up

Japanese Slay Civilians in Philippine Terror

(By Wire to Inter-Continental News)

MANILA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Refugees from Tuguegarao in Cagayan Province reported today that Japanese invaders are spreading terror among the civilian Philippines population.

The refugees reported that in some towns Japanese troops lined up recalcitrant civilians against walls and shot them in order to intimidate the rest of the populace.

Special propaganda and Japanese "Gestapo" detachments were said to accompany invading columns while another special detail was said to be assigned to confiscate food supplies and other material. The Japanese troops, refugees said, are supplied with special currency which they force Filipinos to accept in regions under their control.

MEXICO TO LAUNCH DRIVE AGAINST SINARQUISTAS
An organized campaign to combat the Sinarquista rightist movement in Mexico will be launched early next month by members of Congress, it was announced today.

The Sinarquistas, often charged with favoring fascist nations, have begun large scale agrarian colonization of lower California.

MOST BESTIAL REACTION
A Hitler-Franco regime in the old Spanish Empire style would be worse than the marauding Spanish Conquistadors. The medieval atrocities of the Spanish conquest of Mexico pale into insignificance compared to what a Hitler victory would mean. Four hundred years of Negro slavery is nothing besides Nazi persecution of the Jewish people, peoples of the occupied countries and "races" of so-called "inferior" status.

The Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis is the most rapacious of all the imperialists in history. Joseph Stalin describes the perfidy of the Nazis as follows:

"The party of the Hitlerites is a party of imperialists, moreover, the most rapacious and plunderous imperialists among all the imperialists of the world. ... To cover up their reactionary, black-guard essence, the Hitlerites are branding the Anglo-American internal regime as a plutocratic regime. But in England and the United States there are elementary democratic liberties, there are trade unions of workers and employees, there are labor parties, there is a Parliament, whereas the Hitler regime has abolished all these institutions in Germany. ... Actually the Hitler regime is

2. Another dividing poison is the "left anti-imperialist ideology." Agents of Nazism refer to Japan's attack on the United States as "anti-imperialist," "anti-Yankee imperialism," "anybody that fights America is fighting against imperialism." This apparently super-radical idea comes from certain Latin-American sources. The Trotskyites propagate these ideas also. The Nazi Axis is very crafty. It uses all means to hide its perfidy.

Berlin has its agents throughout Latin-America. Japanese spies and saboteurs are operating in Mexico and other Latin-American countries. Franco spies especially operate in Spanish-speaking communities in

Form Allied War Council In Far East

U. S., Britain and China To Be Represented on Group

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (UP).—The United States, Britain and China have created an Inter-Allied War Council to direct strategy in the Far East, it was disclosed today.

The council was created after a three-day meeting here in which Maj. Gen. George H. Brett represented the United States in conversations with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Gen. Sir Archibald B. Wavell, British Commander-in-Chief in India.

Wavell and Brett arrived in an American-piloted plane Monday and immediately called upon Chiang, with whom they dined. Subsequent conferences were attended by Brig. Gen. John Magruder and Maj. Gen. Lapciot Denny, American and British chiefs of military missions to Chungking. Diplomatic representatives of the United States and Britain also participated in discussions.

COMPLETE HARMONY
A communique on the conferences said that "complete harmony of views and purposes was achieved."

Formation of an Inter-Allied War Council was regarded as a result of Chiang's initiative in proposing a military alliance against aggressors.

The exact membership of the council, as finally constituted, was not disclosed but it was understood it will be headed by a Chinese. Its functions also were not disclosed but it was expected to concern itself chiefly with land and air operations in China and Burma.

After attending the conference Wavell left by air for Rangoon on his way to his headquarters in India.

JAPANESE OPEN BIG DRIVE ON CHANGSHA

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (UP).—Japanese troops in great force have renewed offensive operations in Hunan Province, south of Hankow, the Chinese Central News agency reported today.

Dispatches from Changsha, capital of Hunan which Japanese have failed to take in two previous campaigns, said that 10,000 Japanese troops succeeded in crossing the Hanchuan River at six points Christmas Eve. They advanced 25 miles to a point 60 miles north of Changsha.

A Chinese military spokesman, commenting on new Japanese operations in Hunan, expressed opinion that the Japanese were attempting to prevent concentration of any large Chinese force in the direction of Hongkong.

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On the War Fronts

(AS OF DECEMBER 25th)

BY A VETERAN COMMANDER

Benghazi has fallen and three Italian divisions have been captured. Prime Minister Churchill has confirmed our opinion that there were no more than three German divisions in North Africa (180,000 Axis troops of which about one-third were German). The campaign in Cyrenaica is practically over.

On the German-Soviet Front things are progressing satisfactorily. General Meretkov is cleaning up the remaining German bridgeheads on the eastern bank of the Volkhov. The front here runs almost due south from the eastern bend of the Bay of Schlessburg on Lake Ladoga. There are still two large German bridgeheads on the Volkhov—one around Oskany (taken by the Red Army yesterday) and the other in front of Novgorod which is a center of major German resistance.

On the Kalinin front the Red Army is executing a large enveloping maneuver the object of which is the anchor of the main transversal rail line—Rzhev. Here battles are going on along the Vazusa River, near Staraisa.

Another enveloping maneuver is going on in the area of Maloyaroslavets, where the German front along the Proiva is beginning to crack.

There are rumors (from London) that Kaluga has been captured by Soviet troops, although Moscow dispatches mention so far only a "large populated center on the western bank of the Oka" (this could be also Peremyshl, Likhvin or Belyev).

In a frontal movement toward Orel from the east, the vanguard of the Red Army seems to have reached the line of the Neruch, near Novosyl, some 35 miles east of Orel.

At Sevastopol the Germans have lost over 20,000 men killed and wounded in their last attacks.

Watch Novgorod, Rzhev, Moshaisk and Maloyaroslavets for interesting developments (and developments).

Recapture of Kaluga Near, Soviets Rush On

Red Army Retakes Naro-Fominsk on Central Front, Gains at Orel

(Continued from Page 1)

"forced the enemy on all fronts." On the Kalinin front below Leningrad, in the Central zone west of Moscow, and throughout the Donets Basin, our troops engaged in battles and continued to advance, occupying a number of localities including the town of Naro-Fominsk.

COMMANDS BIG AREA
The town, one of the bitterly contested bastions of the long-range siege of Moscow, is on the railroad running southwest from the capital and its battle-scarred fortifications command a considerable area.

Two German planes were destroyed Friday, the communique said, while Soviet planes operating over the Moscow front destroyed about 10 German tanks, 80 trucks loaded with troops and war supplies, 18 field guns with their crews and 16 anti-aircraft guns.

The government newspaper Izvestia said the army of Gen. W. A. Meretkov, striking more than 60 miles southwestward from Tikhvin, had routed the Germans in the vicinity of Volkhov, about the same distance from Leningrad, and wiped out two infantry regiments of about 5,000 men.

DISORDERLY SCRAMBLE
Izvestia said the Red Army was advancing in many directions along an expanding front, in one instance regaining four villages within a radius of 13 miles. The German

withdrawal was said to have degenerated into a disorderly scramble as the fleeing troops burned villages, mined roads and abandoned equipment.

Kaluga, key communications center, is a foundation stone of hostilities—defensive or offensive—in a broad sector. Its loss, particularly in view of the determined Soviet drive on Orel to the south, would leave the Germans without a strong-hold for miles to the west.

LONDON CHEERED
(British commentators in London observed that the operations at Oskany represented a 63-mile advance from Tikhvin and that the Kaluga situation meant a "considerable step forward" on the Moscow front.)

(They said reports from the Soviet Union showed that German morale was low, that sickness on the wintery front was high, and that a considerable proportion of the wounds were proving fatal.)

A High Command communique said one Soviet unit on the Central Front captured 30 villages, 47 guns, and other war material.

Soviet ski troops were said to be taking a leading part in the sweeping success on the Leningrad front. Speedy detachments racing as much as 65 miles a day through snowy forests and over frozen lakes, armed with machine guns and automatics, attack the German rear while infantry and tanks hammer at the front and flanks.

HOLD SKI RESERVES
Military observers said the Red Army had not yet put into action its numerous reserve ski regiments, trained on a grand scale after their effectiveness was proved in the war against Finland two years ago.

Throughout the Soviet Union, informants stated, many reserves were rounding into shape, while ski factories were working exclusively for the Red Army. Civilian skiers now are a rare sight in the Soviet Union after a successful campaign for the donation of all available skis to the army.

A communique reported fierce fighting on the Southern Front, with rich stores of equipment falling to the Russians in a steady flood.

In one engagement alone, it said, Soviet troops captured 17 field guns, 20 machine guns, 13 mine throwers and other booty, while killing 700 German soldiers and officers.

Canadian Filers, U.S. Army Men Land in Britain

AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT, Dec. 26 (UP).—The largest group of air trainees ever to sail from Canada has arrived safely in Great Britain, it was disclosed today.

Convoyed transports also carried United States Army signal officers to take observation courses and a large contingent of American civilian technical corps experts.

Small groups of Polish, Netherlands, Norwegian and Belgian soldiers and seven Canadian women who will serve with the women's transport service also were in party. On the decks of one transports were lashed huge lorries.

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Boston Rally Asks Browder's Release

Washington Negro Leaders Also Join Nationally Growing Plea to FDR

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Eight hundred Boston citizens, at a mass meeting here last Sunday, added their voices to the thousands of others who have petitioned President Roosevelt to thousands of executive clemency to Earl Browder.

The mass meeting which was held in Jordan Hall, had a real New England Town Hall character, with speakers representing a cross-section of the population in this city.

Steel Mills Settle Many Old Grievances

Carnegie-Illinois Gives Wage Boost; Will Use Arbitration

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 26.—Long-standing grievances of workers at two Carnegie-Illinois mills here have been settled within the last few days.

Annual wage increases of \$300,000 at the Clairton Coke plant and \$35,000 at the Homestead plant of the U. S. Steel subsidiary were won for its members by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee. Adjustment of various wage classifications which had been unsettled almost since the last contract was signed in February of this year brought the increases.

The pay raises were the result of joint negotiations of SWOC representatives and Carnegie-Illinois officials. The Trundle Engineering Co. has come into the negotiations in the Homestead plant where the 100-inch mill shear crew had been demanding wage re-classification since Feb. 7.

At the same time, the original grievance involving 15 men in the shear crew will be submitted to arbitration—the first time arbitration has been used in Carnegie-Illinois plants in the Pittsburgh district.

The Clairton plant grievances, also settled through joint negotiations, were particularly concerned with the number of relief men. The settlement provides for 35 additional men during winter months and 15 during the summer period. At the same time a new bonus schedule which will provide increases of approximately \$300,000 for the 1,400 workers at the Clairton Coke plant was adopted.

Settlement of these grievances is being hailed in steel union circles here especially since there has been some dissatisfaction among steel workers at the reputed slowness of the grievance system set up in the U. S. Steel contract.

General Sees No Need For Coast Evacuations

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (UP).—Gen. John L. De Witt, Chief of the Western Defense Command, today said there is little likelihood that civilians will be evacuated from Pacific Coast cities in the near future.

"Evacuation should not be undertaken except under conditions where frequent or continuous bombing can be expected and the military situation on the Pacific Coast at present does not justify such a contingency," De Witt said.

Court Upholds Sentence Of Italian Crews Here

(Special to the Daily Worker)

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26 (UP).—The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals today affirmed convictions and sentences of 41 officers, crew members of three Italian vessels allegedly sabotaged last spring in harbors at Baltimore, Md., and Wilmington, N. C.

Midwest Public Officials Receive Loyalty Pledges from Communists

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 26.—The office of Governor Julius P. Heil of Wisconsin in reply to a message of fullest support from the Communist Party declared its pleasure at the stand of the Party.

The telegram sent by the Communists on Dec. 21 said that "all Communists in Wisconsin will place themselves in the spirit of national unity, unstintingly at the disposal of the state and local governments in carrying through every measure that will help win victory."

The reply, addressed to Frank P. Blair, Communist state chairman, was signed by Maurice P. Coakley, secretary to the governor.

GOVERNOR'S REPLY
"Your telegram of Dec. 21 addressed to Governor Heil pledging the loyalty of the Communist Party to the defense of the United States has been received.

"The Governor will be very well pleased to receive this telegram from you and it will be brought to his attention at the first opportunity."



Torpedoed, Ship Makes Port: The United States freighter Abasco, 5,600 tons, limps into port, victim of a Japanese torpedo attack off the Japanese coast. The lumber-laden ship threw off some cargo when hit and made port with her decks awash.

Army to Quit Bendix Plant, CIO Pact Near

Production Peak Is Expected With New Union Agreement

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BENDIX, N. J., Dec. 26.—Tonight's meeting of the United Automobile Workers local at the plant of Air Associates, Inc., to ratify an agreement was all that was left in a series of developments that will free the Army of responsibility in operation of the plant.

The contract, negotiated peacefully in accordance with a National Labor Relations Board election result last summer, is receiving the support of the overwhelming majority of the workers of the plant. The friction inspired by the removed plant management, has disappeared. A step-up in production on a \$5,000,000 order for plane parts is expected to set a new high mark.

The agreement providing a form of preferential union shop sets a minimum scale of 75 cents an hour for men, 60 cents for women. The present scale for women is 40 cents. A ten cents an hour wage increase and payment of \$75 in back pay to each worker is also provided.

CIO GAINS

(Special to the Daily Worker)

The CIO union which won by a small margin last summer, is rapidly gaining the rest of the employees to its fold.

The contract was negotiated by Charles Kerrigan, regional director of the UAW's aircraft division, and Frederick G. Coburn, the new president of the company.

The plant received national attention when its former president, Leroy Hill, sought to show that he could defy the NLRB, and several other government agencies that attempted to bring a settlement of his dispute with the union. Several strikes were caused by his repeated defiance. The climax was reached when an organization he inspired, openly incited violence against CIO members in the plant. Next morning more than 2,000 troops occupied the plant.

The plant has been under Army operation for nearly two months. Hill was fired by the board of directors and other steps were taken to assure the government that uninterrupted production would continue smoothly after military supervision is withdrawn.

AFL Leaders Attend Funeral of Mrs. Lyons

(Special to the Daily Worker)

Scores of AFL officials throughout the city and State yesterday attended the funeral of Mrs. Della Wise Lyons, aged mother of Thomas Lyons, president of the State Federation of Labor.

The labor leader's mother was buried from her home at 574 16th Ave., Brooklyn, High Regulate Mass was held at the Holy Name Church in Brooklyn.

Illinois C. P. Wires Support

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The State Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois meeting here this week wired its full support to Governor Dwight Green in the war emergency.

"We Communists," the wire said, "like all other Americans, have no separate or partisan interests in this great struggle."

The wire cited contributions of earlier Communists in previous crises in our nation's history, especially during the Civil War. Many Communists, the wire said, have already joined the nation's armed forces and others are active in civilian defense.

MINNESOTA COMMUNISTS PLEDGES 'EVERY ENERGY'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 26.—The District Committee of the Communist Party here in an enlarged session here this week pledged "its every energy . . . to the defense of our nation" in a wire to Governor Harold Stassen.

"We pledge you," the telegram said, "as the head of our state in these days of deepest national crisis, that every Communist will assume all those additional obligations which the further prosecution of the war will require of all of us."

New Maryland CIO Head Vows All-Out War Aid

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Pledges of the state and national CIO conventions of everything for defense were reiterated here this week by George A. Meyers, newly-elected president of the Maryland and District of Columbia Industrial Union Council.

Meyers replaced John T. Jones, Council president for the past four years. He did not run for re-election.

"Labor," said Meyers, "expects to take all practical steps to carry out its declared policy of aid in our battle to defeat Hitler by cooperating with all groups."

In basic defense industries organized in the CIO," he said, "the unions are ready and willing to cooperate with the management of those industries, and with the government, to assure maximum and uninterrupted production. CIO unions in all of Maryland and the District of Columbia are also developing a program to assist defense agencies in the sale of defense bonds and stamps."

Northwest Pension Union Revises Scale

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—The Washington Old Age Pension Union has revised its \$40 monthly old age assistance initiative measure to keep pace with rising living costs.

Under Washington laws, the initiative measure passed in 1940 to provide \$40 monthly pensions to the aged must be reenacted every two years.

"If the cost of living as shown by the national averages of the U. S. Department of Labor and Labor Statistics increases after Jan. 1, 1942, by five per cent or more, grants shall be increased proportionately with each such five per cent increase," a change in Section 5, sub-section 4 of the present law reads.

This clause, together with extension of the medical-dental program to other classifications of social security, constitute the major revisions in Washington State's \$40 pension law.

TO BEGIN SIGNATURE DRIVE

The measure will be filed with the Secretary of State by Jan. 3, 1942, and the signature campaign will begin shortly thereafter.

A total of 50,000 accredited signatures are necessary to place the proposed initiative measure on the ballot at the 1942 elections. During the 1940 signature campaign, however, the Washington Old Age Pension Union, with support of labor, farm, the Washington Commonwealth Federation and other organizations, secured nearly three times as many signatures as was necessary to place their measure on the ballot.

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800 Cafeteria Chain Workers Win Pay Raise

Exchange Buffet Pact Ratified at Rally Made by Local 302

A contract renewal granting weekly wage increases of \$2 to all 800 employees of the 24 Exchange Buffet restaurants in the city was ratified by the workers in the chain at a meeting yesterday afternoon at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place. The increases total approximately \$83,000 a year.

The contract, terms of which are retroactive to Dec. 1, will expire on Dec. 1, 1942. It was negotiated by the Cafeteria Employees Union, Local 302, AFL, of which all the employees of the company are members.

Union negotiators included Cosmas Dritsas, president, Sam Kramberg, secretary-treasurer together with a negotiating committee elected by the workers in the chain.

Cuba Holds Japanese

HAVANA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Forty-two Japanese arrested shortly after Cuba's declaration of war on Japan today were taken to the Tiscornia immigration station where they will be held until authorities select a site for the erection of a wartime concentration camp.

Minor Heads Lenin Rally January 5 At Garden

Gil Green, Amter Among Leading Communists To Talk at Meeting

Israel Amter, veteran chairman of the New York State Communist Party, will be one of the main speakers at the Lenin Memorial Meeting in Madison Square Garden, Jan. 5, along with Robert Minor, acting Communist Party general secretary; Peter V. Cacchione, Communist city councilman-elect, and other leading figures of the state and national Communist Party organizations.

"Everything to Win the War" is the main slogan of the meeting which will commemorate the 18th anniversary of the death of V. I. Lenin.

Other speakers will include Gil Green, New York State secretary of the Communist Party and National Committee member, who will serve as chairman and make the keynote address; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, National Committee member and executive secretary of the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder; Benjamin Davis, Jr., outstanding Negro journalist and member of

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Fifty-odd workers of the Empire Switchboard Co., 814 Fourth Ave., Brooklyn, received a substantial wage increase yesterday and immediately accepted the suggestion of their union shop steward, Jack Popenske to ask the employer, Normal Finley to pay them the raise in defense bonds.

The action was taken at a meeting of the workers who are members of Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL. The employer will lay aside the amount of raise each week and accumulate it for the bonds.

The meeting will begin at 7 P.M. promptly.

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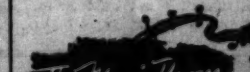
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Congress Hails Churchill's Call for All-Out Victory

Full Destruction of Axis Is Aim of All Allies, He Says

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ary of War Henry L. Stimson said the discussions were progressing satisfactorily.

Churchill frequently interspersed his remarks with mention of the council and its purposes, blasting the while each member of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio Axis.

Japan along with her Axis partners, will be taught a lesson she will never forget for her "outrages" on Anglo-American possessions in the Far East, he said, adding that it is difficult to reconcile the Japanese action with "prudence or even with sanity."

Benito Mussolini, he declared now is nothing but "a lackey and a serf, the merest utensil of his master's will."

In Libya "for the first time we have made the Hun feel the sharp edge of those tools with which he has enslaved Europe," he said. "What Hitler is suffering in Libya is only a sample and a foretaste of what we have got to give him and his accomplices wherever this war may lead us in every quarter of the globe."

He promised that never again will the democracies be caught napping.

"Do we not owe it to ourselves, to our children, to tormented mankind to make sure that these catastrophes (two world wars) do not engulf us a third time?" he asked. He radiated confidence in the outcome of the war and said Britain has made "very great progress" toward total war efficiency.

"Now that the United States is at war, it is possible for orders to be given every day which in a year or 18 months hence will produce results in war power beyond anything that has been seen or foreseen in the dictator states," he said.

SEES '43 INITIATIVE

"I think it would be reasonable to hope that the end of 1943 will see us quite definitely in a better position than we are now. And that the year 1943 will enable us to assume the initiative on an ample scale."

A huge crowd had massed in front of the capitol when Churchill arrived, preceded and followed by automobiles filled with secret service men. Armed sentries stood on roofs of adjacent office buildings.

Admission to the Senate was by special card only.

There was no disturbance. The crowd was orderly.

After finishing his speech, Churchill expressed a desire to see the crowd at close range. He walked across the street until he was within a few feet of the spectators.

When they cheered him, he grinned and his right hand formed the famed "V" for victory.

FAITH IN PEOPLE

Churchill began his speech by recalling that his mother was an American. Had his father been an American, he said, "I might have got here (in Congress) on my own."

He reaffirmed his faith in government of the people, by the people and for the people.

"In my country, as in this, public men are proud to be the servants of the state, and would be ashamed to be its master," he said.

He declared he had found in the United States an Olympian fortitude "which far from being based upon complacency is only the mask of inflexible purpose and the proof of well-grounded confidence in the final outcome."

"Japan, Germany and Italy have all declared and are making war upon you, and a quarrel has been begun which can only end in their overthrow or yours," he said.

Defeat of the Axis, he added, will not be easy. "We have, without doubt, a time of tribulation before us. In this same time, some ground will be lost which it will be hard and costly to regain. Many disappointments and unpleasant surprises await us."

"Many of them will affect us before the full marshalling of our latent and total power can be accomplished."

For the last 20 years, he said the youth of Britain and America have been taught that war was evil. During the same period, he added, the youth of Germany, Italy and Japan have been taught that aggressive war is the noblest duty of the citizen.

"Naturally, this places us in Britain and now places you in the United States at a disadvantage which only time, courage and untiring exertion can correct," he continued.

TIME AIDS ALLIES

The democracies can be thankful, he said, "that so much time has been granted to us."

"If Germany had tried to invade the British Isles after the French collapse in June, 1940, and if Japan had declared war on the British Empire and the United States at the same date, no one can say what disaster and agonies might not have been our lot."

"But now, at the end of December, 1941, our transformation from easy-going peace to total war efficiency has made very great progress."

He denied that Britain and the United States had erred in disposition of their limited military re-



Churchill's Sign on the Axis: Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of England, is shown making the V for Victory sign as he left the Senate chamber after his historic address to the joint session of the Senate and the House in Washington. Behind Churchill is Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, majority leader of the Senate. —Photograph

sources before this country entered the war.

"If the United States has been found at a disadvantage at various points in the Pacific Ocean, we know well that is to no small extent because of the aid which you have been giving in munitions for defense of the British Isles and for the Libyan campaign," he said.

Not all the tidings of war will be evil, he continued.

"On the contrary, mighty strokes of war already have been dealt against the enemy. There is the glorious defense of their native soil by the Russian armies and people."

This drew a great burst of applause.

"Wounds have been inflicted upon the Nazi tyranny and system which have bitten deep and will fester and inflame not only the Nazi body but the Nazi mind."

"The boastful Mussolini has trouble already. He has inflicted great suffering and wrong upon his industrial people. He has been stripped of all his African empire."

"I am so glad to be able to place before you members of the Senate and the House at this moment, when you are entering the war, the proof that with proper weapons and proper organization we are able to beat the life out of the savage Nazis."

"The best tidings of all are that the United States, united as never before, has drawn the sword for freedom and cast away the scabbard. All these tremendous facts have led the subjugated peoples of Europe to lift their heads again in hope."

He termed an "irrational act" Japan's attacks on Anglo-American bastions in the Pacific.

JAPAN'S INSANITY

"When we look at the resources of the United States and the British Empire, compared to those of Japan," he said "when we remember those of China which have so long and valiantly withstood invasion and tyranny, and when we observe the Russian menace which hangs over Japan, it becomes still more difficult to reconcile Japanese action with prudence or even with sanity."

He said that had the United States and Britain taken common measures for their safety after the last war, "this renewal of the curse need never have fallen upon us."

It would have been easy five or six years ago, he said, without the shedding of a drop of blood, for the United States and Britain to have forced Germany to respect the disarmament clauses of treaties signed after the world war.

"And that also would have been the opportunity for assuring to the Germans those materials, those raw materials, which we declared in the Atlantic Charter should not be denied to any nation—victor or vanquished," he continued.

"The chance has gone—it is gone. prodigious human strokes have been needed to bring us together today."

"If you will allow me to use other language, I will say that he must indeed be a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below of which we have the honor to be the faithful servant."

"It is not given to us to peer into the mysteries of the future. Here I avow my hope and faith, sure and inviolate, that in the days to come the British and the American peoples, each for their own safety and for the good of all, will walk together in majesty, in justice and in peace."

Christmas Browder Pleas Pour In to F.D.R.

Thousands Send Wires; New Unions Join in Call for Release

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Real violation of the passport law has been more than paid by his nine months imprisonment. In the spirit of Christmas, we hope you will release Earl Browder from prison by Executive action."

The signers of the Youth wire to the President were: Consuelo Arna, Pres. Modern Misses, YWCA; Richard Davis, Negro poet; Florence Di Cor, President, Rogers Park Open Forum; Charles McCord, Chairman, American Youth Congress; Josephine Cammarata, Marcantonio Italian Youth Club; Willis Brown, Aviation Instructor; Wendell Phillips High School; Harmon Bro. Divinity Student, University of Chicago; Joseph Denov; James Elias, Greek Youth Club; Betty Farrow, President, Student Rights Council, University of Chicago; Margaret Goos, Chairman, South Side Civilian Defense Youth Committee; Henry Hayden, Steward, United Automobile Workers of America, No. 453; John Holmgren, President, Social Service Administration Club, University of Chicago; Henry Jatonak, President, John Morton Club of Finnish Youth; Helen Kasro, Board member of Association of Lithuanian Workers; Herbert March, Vice-President, Armour Local, Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee; George Nelson, Midwest Youth Director, International Workers Order; Pearl Pau, Social Service Administration Club, University of Chicago; Al Rubio, Midwest Secretary, American Student Union; T. Pope, and Joseph Sool, Midwest Youth Director, Association of Lithuanian Workers.

Free French Say Isles Gave Aid to Enemy

Firm on Seizures Off Canada; Hull to See Mackenzie King

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ability that, in accordance with the wishes of Washington, Rear Admiral Emile Muselier might consider restoring the island administration to Vichy.

ISLES AIDED ENEMY

The statement issued by the Free French National Committee, said "it is common knowledge that under the governor, who had received dictatorial powers from Vichy, the St. Pierre radio was broadcasting meteorological information useful to the enemy."

The De Gaulles announced that in a St. Pierre plebiscite conducted after the expeditionary force landing showed 98 per cent voting in favor of casting their lots with the Free French.

The plebiscite was described as significant as the first expression of feelings, in accordance with democratic principles and the right of free peoples to self-determination.

A spokesman said that nothing official had been received from Washington and Canada and added:

"Our attitude is that the people of St. Pierre asked us to liberate them from the Vichy dictatorship, and we did so. As Frenchmen we see no reason to alter the situation."

"The results of the election confirm the eagerness of the population to be with us."

He denied that the Free French ever had entered into any agreement regarding St. Pierre.

HULL TO SEE KING ON ISLE SEIZURES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today scheduled a late afternoon conference with Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King to map joint action for quickly restoring St. Pierre—Miquelon to the French Vichy government.

The tiny islands off Newfoundland were occupied by Free French forces in a Christmas eve coup that created a highly embarrassing diplomatic problem for the United States in its already delicate relations with Vichy.

King, who later will join President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in all-Atlantic strategy talks, went to Hull's office soon after his arrival from Ottawa.

Hull, denouncing the Free French action as "arbitrary," yesterday asked Ottawa what steps it was prepared to take to restore sovereignty of the islands to Vichy.

It said Wake apparently was taken over by the Japanese on Dec. 23. During the two-week siege, the Marines accounted for three Japanese destroyers, one cruiser and a number of bombing planes.

Navy Reports 1,400 Captured On Wake Island

Says 1000 Are Civilians; Refutes Enemy Claim of Large Force

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP)—The Navy reported today that 1,400 Americans—approximately 400 Marines and 1,000 civilian workers—probably were taken prisoner when Japanese forces finally occupied Wake Island after the 14-day siege that cost them four warships and numerous planes.

The first announcement of the number of civilians on the tiny Pacific outpost was made in a Navy communiqué which termed "incorrect" Japanese claims that 3,000 American sailors and Marines defended Wake against repeated attacks by sea and air.

The Navy reiterated that the total strength of the defending garrison was less than 400 officers and men of the Marine Corps, adding: "There were approximately 1,000 civilians engaged in construction work on the island, which may account for the enemy statement that 1,400 prisoners were captured."

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(The Columbia Broadcasting System heard a London radio report of a new Japanese thrust down the middle of Malaya toward the Kuala Lipis area, another rail and highway junction 225 miles north of Singapore.)

"One correspondent says the Japanese are believed to be trying to push down from the northeast toward the Kuala Lipis area," it said. "They are said to be following roughly the line of the railway and keeping under jungle cover on either side."

Cheering news to Singapore was the word that two-thirds of a British regiment long unreported was safe after fighting its way from the Alor Star region only 30 miles from



War-weary Nazi Prisoners: War-weary German prisoners are marched to the rear in Libya in wake of the British desert push. British censor said they are among the thousands of prisoners taken in the new drive.

Tank Battle Rages On Road to Manila

British Take Heavy Toll of Invader in Malaya, Lines Hold Firm

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sector have been successfully resisted," the communiqué said. "Indications point to heavy reinforcement of Japanese troops in this area. Brak fighting also is reported from other fronts on the Island of Luzon. Heavy enemy air activity in the Philippines continues."

The "last" Manila communiqué was the third of the day. The others had told, with the usual terseness, of artillery dueling in the northwest, and of increasing Japanese pressure in the southeast, between the Antimanan and Mauban beachheads, 75 and 57 miles southeast of here, respectively. No new Japanese landings were reported, but pressure was increasing at all six beachheads on Luzon Island.

JAPANESE SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES IN MALAYA

SINGAPORE, Dec. 26 (UP)—Waves of Japanese storm troops beat with suicidal losses against unyielding Imperial lines 300 miles northwest of Singapore today, authorities reported, but a new peril arose from a push down the east coast toward the Kemaman area only 225 miles from here.

Twin invasion drives on either side of the rugged backbone down the middle of Malaya met mounting resistance as British reinforcements bulwarked the defenses and the natives, including formidable lots of Nippon-hating Chinese recruits, pitched in wholeheartedly against the Japanese.

Great battles of perhaps decisive import were raging or shaping up above the tin mining and communications center of Ipoh, in the northwest and in Trengganu Province across the peninsula.

"The situation is unchanged," a night communiqué said.

It reported engagements between roving patrols in the area of Sungai Siput and Perak near Kuala Kangsar, the solid western anchorpost of the Imperial defenses where the railroad and highways winding through the tangled fastnesses converge and form a gateway to the south.

Hostilities also were acknowledged north of Kemaman in the Trengganu, apparently representing a threatening advance from the previously mentioned fighting in the Kuala Krai zone 45 miles below Kota Bharu.

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13,000 Soldiers Taken by British In Libyan Rout

Ring Around Axis Forces Being Closed in El Agheila Region

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blasting enemy columns, supply dumps and retreating machines, it was announced.

Radio Rome, admitting the fall of Cyrenaica, of which Benghazi is the capital, said that "our troops reconquered Cyrenaica (after the last British drive across Libya) in nine days, in April, 1941, while the British have now occupied Cyrenaica after 40 days of combat and at the cost of terrific losses." The broadcast was heard in New York by the United Press Listening Post. The Libyan campaign started on Nov. 13 and only 38 days elapsed between then and the British capture of Benghazi yesterday.

ENEMY DISORGANIZED

Isolated Axis bodies were reported in "various stages of disorganization" around Barce, 60 miles northeast of Benghazi where, the communiqué said, "some German and Italian aircraft" were found abandoned along with considerable amounts of equipment.

A number of British wounded prisoners were reported liberated at an Italian hospital in Barce.

(A military commentator in London said that although German Gen. Erwin Rommel had lost much war material he still possessed a

certain number of tanks "and might possibly escape."

"The position in Libya is somewhat confused," the commentator said. "The German forces still are about Agedabia. They seem to have been separated completely from the Italians. It is difficult to determine momentarily what happened to the Italians—that is, how many of the got away. However, there are some units north of Benghazi."

Peruvian Paper Urges Action Against Fascists

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 26 (UP)—The newspaper La Cronica today called for expulsion of totalitarian agents from Peru and for the abolition of all pro-Axis newspapers and periodicals.

La Cronica denounced newspapers, subsidized by totalitarian agents, which advocate strict Peruvian neutrality in the war.

Strict neutrality no longer exists, it said, "since we already have declared our complete solidarity with the United States, in accordance with the Pan-American agreements of Lima, Panama and Havana."

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Civilian Defense: The Home Front Is Readied

Springfield C.I.O., A. F. L. Plan Joint War Production Operations in Defense Plants

Training Program Pushed to Help War Efforts

(Special to the Daily Worker)
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26.—Switching of membership from CIO to A. F. of L. or vice-versa was proposed and accepted last night by the Joint A. F. of L.-CIO committee here which met in CIO Hall to discuss cooperation between unions and management to increase defense production and prevent unemployment in nondefense industries.

An extensive program covering labor-management relations in industries in Western Massachusetts has been drawn up by the committee. Included in the program are provisions for shifting non-defense workers to defense plants where more skilled labor is needed. In such a process, crossing AFL-CIO jurisdictional lines will be necessary and transfer of membership in such cases has been sanctioned by the committee which consists of six CIO and six A. F. of L. representatives.

The program has already been ratified by the 12 locals represented on the committee and ratification by all CIO and A. F. of L. unions will be urged in the January meetings of the Western Massachusetts CIO Council and the A. F. of L. Central Labor Union.

DEFENSE TRAINING

The committee has also considered training of non-defense workers for use in industries where there is a shortage of trained workers. The committee took up the case of the Fisk Rubber works in Chicopee where more than 1,000 have been thrown out of work by the OPM ban on pleasure car tire production. The committee stated that those workers should be given preference in training courses in trade schools. After being trained as machinists and other needed skilled trades such unemployed men would be placed in short-handed defense plants by the committee in cooperation with the management. It will make no difference from what union the man comes, said a spokesman for the committee and it will make no difference to what union he goes.

Fur Local Gives Mayor \$2,000 For Red Cross

Pietro Lucchi, general secretary-treasurer of International Fur and Leather Workers, CIO, and Dan Condi, business agent of the union's Local 3, Brooklyn, yesterday presented to Mayor La Guardia a check of \$2,000 for the Red Cross.

The Mayor immediately turned the check over to Frank Sinnott of the Brooklyn Chapter of the Red Cross.

The contribution was the first of a series now being made by affiliates of the Fur and Leather union, in accordance with the appeal issued last week by the union's general executive board.

The union is also planning wholesale presentation of thousands of pint of blood for the Red Cross blood bank.

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Show How to Protect Your Home:

Members of the American Women's Volunteer Service advise the city housewives on air-raid precautions. At left: Mrs. R. A. Weisler (in uniform) watches two women fill pails for a reserve drinking water supply and pile sandbags for protection against flying splinters. At right: A housewife is shown how to blackout a window with a thick quilt.



Every Member a Victory Fighter--IWO Active in Every Phase of War

Navy to Rush Medical Aid If City Is Raided

Cooperation Worked Out with Civil Agencies for Quick Delivery

Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews, Commandant of the Third Naval District, has worked out plans in coordination with civilian defense agencies for prompt distribution of medical supplies to required points in the city in event of an air raid. It was announced at the office of Mayor La Guardia yesterday.

According to an order issued by the commanding officer of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, all drivers of Navy medical trucks have been instructed to "obey the orders of air raid wardens or other proper officials while making routine deliveries of medical supplies during the course of an air raid or an air raid drill in the New York metropolitan area."

The Navy medical vehicles, according to the order, will carry on the lower right-hand corner of the windshield placards bearing the notation: "Surgical Supplies, U. S. Navy, Rush."

These trucks are to be given the right of way over all other traffic.

U. S. Diplomats Leave Sofia for Istanbul

ZURICH, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Italian Stefani agency reported today from Sofia that United States Minister George H. Earle, and other North American diplomats left Thursday for Istanbul, accompanied by their families.

training and will train as many persons as is possible to become skilled and to increase our output. We are conducting classes and will intensify the training of air raid wardens, first aid workers and other types of civilian defense projects. We have been taking part in the sale of defense stamps and bonds and will intensify that work. There will be a total participation of the union in this total war effort which has been forced on us by the fascist aggressors.

"We solemnly promise that the union will see to it that there are no interruptions in the schedules of work in the coming defense work. We intend to use and exhaust every possible means of settling disputes through the existing agencies set up by the State and National Governments. There will be no bottlenecks with us."

Mobilizes 155,000 Members; 600 Join Army; Foreign Groups Participate

By Louise Mitchell
Long before bombs fell in Pearl Harbor, the 155,000 members of the International Workers Order were campaigning against fascism. America's entry into the war simply knit all activities together for victory over the enemy.

Today, the progressive fraternalists in 1,800 lodges throughout the country are working in production, in civilian defense and in war relief with one goal in mind. Already the IWO counts 600 brothers in the armed forces; one, Jerome Stalmach, son of Ukrainian immigrants, died in the line of duty on the Reuben James.

John Middleton, national IWO director for Civilian Defense, this week stressed the important community work that members are performing.

"We feel that since ours is a fraternal and neighborhood organization, we can perform a great patriotic service to our country through civilian work."

High morale, unity and cooperation of all people are needed in total war, Middleton asserted. "We have placed ourselves at the disposal of the government and nation as an organization and as individuals. We gladly accept any tasks, duties or necessary sacrifices needed to win the war," he said.

The purchase of defense stamps and bonds ranks high among IWO "musts." Having purchased \$50,000 worth, the national office expects to raise the total to \$700,000 within the year. All lodges are encouraged to hold special bond sales.

DOUBLE RELIEF FUND

The Front Line Fighters Fund, originally set at \$100,000 for British, Russian and allied relief, was doubled in the middle of a four-month campaign. The full quota has already been met. It was collected at mass meetings, dances, parties, collections, exhibitions, dinners, bazaars and get-togethers.

National groups participating in the drive were Carpatho-Russian, Croatian, Finnish, Hungarian, Italian, Jewish, Polish, Rumanian, Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, Ukrainian and others.

Collected for medical supplies, food and clothing, the money has been turned over to British War Relief, Russian War Relief, the American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor, the RAF, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Rada Polonij, Ethiopian organizations and others.

THREE MILLION CIGARETTES

Three million cigarettes have already been sent to anti-fascist fighters.

The IWO has set up an Army Welfare fund as a memorial to Stalmach. More than \$5,000 has been appropriated for the purchase of various items for American soldiers.

Another IWO "must" is full participation in defense and cooperation with mass organizations engaged in this work. Members are signing up in civilian protection agencies such as air raid, fire-

Jewish Youth Open Civilian Defense Drive

Washington Heights 'Y' Also Sponsors Blood Bank

The Civilian Defense Committee of the Washington Heights Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association has opened a drive to enlist all young people in the area in volunteer work.

The drive includes classification of all youth under even different categories of defense work. All services open to volunteers will be included in the classification.

Following classifications, which include such services as air raid wardens, nurses, road repair, rescue squads, food distribution and many others, the volunteers will be referred to the organizations which can use their services. The "Y" is also sponsoring a Blood Bank, which is open to all over 21. First to donate his blood was Samuel Solender, "Y" executive director.

The drive aims at enrolling all youth, regardless of organizational or religious affiliation. Registration starts tomorrow morning at the "Y's" headquarters, Port Washington Ave. and 179th St.

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U.S. Warns of Fifth Column Panic Rumors

War Dep't Requests Cooperation With Air Raid System

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—"False rumors to alarm the people are a recognized form of Fifth Column activity," the War Department said today in issuing detailed instructions regarding air raid precaution measures.

Don't make requests for information about reports of pending air raids to interceptor command headquarters or agencies in the interceptor command, the department said.

All agencies of the interceptor command must be left free, in event of actual war attack, to take necessary steps to repel the attack, it was explained.

"Even loyal individuals report false alarms to military authorities in good faith," the War Department's instructions said. "Serious consequences have already resulted."

"All military echelons will transmit promptly military information to proper military command authorities, being careful to give the source of their information, but will not divulge it to the public. Reports of hostile forces or movement will be given to civil authorities charged with public defense only by direction of commanding generals of corps areas, or departments, of defense commands, of each air force or by higher authority."

War Dep't Asks Honor Award For Flight Leader

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The War Department recommended to President Roosevelt today that the distinguished flying cross be awarded to Col. Eugene L. Eubank of the Army Air Corps for leading a mass flight of heavy bombers from San Francisco to the Philippines.

The flight of four-engined bombers started Oct. 17 and was completed at Port Stoenburg, Philippine Islands, Nov. 19. Maj. Emmett O'Donnell, Jr., and the 74 officers and men of his command were awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses for making the same flight a month before Eubank and his command.

Brooklyn IWO Holds Defense Luncheon Today

A National Defense Luncheon at 1 P. M. today in the China Casino, 1401 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, will have as its special honor guests the mothers of sons in the armed forces of the United States.

Defense bonds and stamps will be sold at the luncheon, which is being sponsored by the West Brooklyn District of the IWO and the IWO Knitting Clubs of West Brooklyn. Gifts for the men in the Army and Navy will be on display.

Robeson said his ideal was a world community of working people and he decided those who contend the Negro people should be led by a "talented tenth."

He contrasted his experiences in Nazi Germany in 1934, when he was menaced by Hitler's storm troopers, with the reception he received

Ask Park Be Named for Birmingham's Negro Hero

(Special to the Daily Worker)
BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 26.—A 29-year-old Negro youth, Julius Ellsberry, is Birmingham's first reported casualty in the naval war of the Pacific. In his honor the Birmingham Age-Herald, morning paper here, has suggested editorially that the new Negro park in the city, first of its kind, be named the Julius Ellsberry Park.

Ellsberry quit his job as a drug store delivery boy in 1939 to enlist in the Navy. He was a mess attendant first class at the time of his death.

The Southern Negro Youth Congress in a letter to the Age-Herald Dec. 19 expressed its appreciation to the newspaper and is urging the Birmingham Park and Recreation Board to name the park "in honor of this first Birmingham patriot to give his life for his country in this war."

Fate of Negroes Rests On Victory--Robeson

By Jack Young
(Special to the Daily Worker)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—For 1,000 Negroes gathered at a "Defend America Rally" here, Paul Robeson, great singer, graphically explained why his people should wholeheartedly enter the all-out war effort against the Axis powers.

Answering the question, "Is this a white man's war?" Robeson quoted from a speech made by Frederick Douglass, Negro leader, during the Civil War.

"There are weak and cowardly men in all nations. We have them amongst us. They tell you this is the 'white man's war'; that you will be no better off after than before the war; that getting you into the army is to 'sacrifice you on the first opportunity.'"

"Believe them not; cowards themselves, they do not wish to have their cowardice shamed by your brave example. Leave them to their timidity, or to whatever motive may hold them back."

Robeson was the featured speaker at the rally called by leading Negro citizens of the community, the National Negro Congress and the CIO's statewide anti-discrimination committee.

Full support to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in prosecuting an all-out war effort against Hitler and his cohorts was pledged by the meeting in a resolution adopted unanimously.

Negro participation in the war effort would be much more fruitful if obstacles such as discrimination in industry and the armed forces were removed, the resolution declared.

Sharing honors with Robeson was Philip M. "Slim" Connolly, state CIO president and executive secretary of the Los Angeles CIO Industrial Union Council.

Connolly received an ovation because the audience remembered the stand against "token hirings" of Negroes he took at the recent hearings here of the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee.

Discussing the CIO's readiness to aid in breaking down Jim-Crowism in defense industries, Connolly asserted that "in order for the fight against Hitler to be successful, it is essential that we use all available manpower."

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By MIKE GOLD

GREETINGS

There wasn't much to live in
Workin' down there on the levee,
The days were hot, the hours long,
My load was mighty heavy.

But something kept me happy,
'Twas the music in my soul,
It encouraged me and told me
I could reach a higher goal.

So, from my beloved Southland,
I hit a Northern trail,
Sometimes I "run the river,"
Sometimes I "ride the rail."

I've penned my tale of ups and downs
In the "Father of the Blues"
And I've found a lot of happiness
In your comments and reviews.

For My Greeting I'm returning
All my happiness this way,
I hope you feel tomorrow
Just like I feel today.

WILLIAM C. HANDY.

CHRISTMAS 1941

When in the coming days your heart's a-weight
With all the woe and wifely waste of war;
When man is cultivating only hate,
And every moment kills or wounds a score;
Remember then that martyred man of yore
Whose birth we still are proud to celebrate,
Think of the follies he had with patience bore,
And the millennia he has had to wait.

All that he promised can become our fate—
Peace and good will, abundance and much more;
Our technics now can really consummate
The way of life he agitated for.
This is the vital essence of this war,
And the unborn will call our struggle great.

MARIAN AND HENRY HART.

These are two greeting poems that arrived in the mail, among
other cards and greetings for the new and fateful year.
Benevolence and good-will shine out from the verses of the "Father
of the Blues," W. C. Handy. His book, which revealed the same spirit,
will be studied by unborn generations as one of the authentic docu-
ments of our time.

It is a shrewd and simple account, without self-pity, of the brutal
oppression a folk-genius of American music had to endure because
of his race.
W. C. Handy came through by a miracle and managed to achieve
expression. But who can tell how much other Negro genius has been
destroyed by the barbarians who make war on the Negro in America?
This new year will find us all making war on the Nazi philosophy
of race hatred and oppression. All these German, Italian and Japa-
nese "Aryans" are doomed to defeat.

Let us also, this year, keep up the fight on the Americans who
persecute Negroes. It is part of the world war, surely, for freedom
and democracy.

Thanks to all who sent cards of greetings. Happy New Year to all!
Marie Oberlander sent a children's picture book for Nicky. It was
printed in Barcelona during the war against the fascists—the Spanish
people did not forget their kids even in the midst of such a desperate
battle, which makes the little book doubly precious.

The column on William Hautau that recently appeared in this
space brought \$85 in contributions, reports the Joint Committee to
Defend WPA Workers, 28 West 31st St. "Workers visited our offices
and gave handfuls of dimes and dollar bills; one woman came in to
contribute a diamond ring from her finger."

For the New Year, let us not abandon the William Hautaus, Irving
Potashes and other prisoners and victims of predatory capitalism.
Above all, we must free Earl Browder. All such action helps Ameri-
can unity and is part of a successful war on world fascism.

Here is a note to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and others who
labored and fought for Spanish democracy:
On January 3 and 4, there will be a conference held by the Church
League for Industrial Democracy and the Methodist Federation.
Speakers include Dr. Harry F. Ward, Bishop McConnell, Mary Van
Kleeck and Bishop Charles Gilbert who, by the way, wrote the Presi-
dent last week in behalf of Earl Browder.

In conclusion with this conference, my informant says that "a
memorial service for Bishop Paddock, who gave his life and most of
his personal fortune to the Spanish Loyalist cause"—will be held in the
Chapel of the Episcopal Church, 261 Fourth Ave., at 9:30 on Jan. 6, 1942.

Put it on your agenda as one of the first meetings of the new year
—a united front meeting of all who fought for Spain and are now
carrying on the fight for America, Russia, England and the world
against fascism.

Victorious New Year to you all!

Shostakovich 5th Symphony,
Rodzinski, WABC, at 5 p.m.

Lily Pons sings "Lakme" at 2 P.M., WJZ. . . Rodzinski conducts
Shostakovich 5th Symphony on WABC, 5 P.M. . . Colston E. Warner,
CU president, speaks on "The Consumer Looks at Advertising" WABC,
P.M. . . Daily Worker Newscast, WHOM, 11 P.M.

- 9:15-WJZ-Market Basket
9:30-WABC-Carlin Tail
10:00-WOR-Rainbow House-Juvenile
Program
10:30-WJZ-America the Free-
Arden's Orch.
11:00-WJZ-News; Children's Parade
WJZ-Lincoln Highway-Drama
WJZ-Trans-Radio News
WABC-News; Kay Thompson & Co.
WJZ-Memories of a Conscientious
Objector
11:30-WJZ-Saturday Vaudeville-Jim
Ames
WJZ-Ask Young America-
Children's Forum
WJZ-U.S. Army Band
11:45-WNYC-You and Your Health-Talk
12:00-WJZ-News; Magic Carpet
WJZ-News
WABC-Theatre of Today-Joe Ann
Bryers, Guest
WNYC-Midday Symphony
WJZ-Lunchtime Concert
12:15-WJZ-Consumer's Time
WJZ-Troubadour and the Lady-
Latin-American Music
WJZ-Farmers Union Program
12:30-WOR-Trans-Radio News
WABC-Stars Over Hollywood-Gail
Patrick, Guest
1:00-WABC-Let's Play
WJZ-Your Request Program
1:15-WJZ-Music for Everyone
1:30-WABC-Adventure in Science-Talk
2:00-WJZ-String Ensemble
WJZ-Metropolitan Opera-"Lakme"
WJZ-Henry Goodman's Orch.
WABC-Press News; Of Men and
Books
WNYC-News; Symphonie Matinee
WJZ-They Too Like Music
3:15-WOR-North vs. South-Football
3:30-WJZ-Dance Music
3:45-WABC-Defense and Your Dollar-
Interview and Dramatization
WABC-County Journal
4:00-WNYC-How Well Do You Listen
3:30-WJZ-Campus Capers
WABC-F.O.B. Detroit
4:05-WABC-Matinee at Meadowbrook-
Johnny Long's Orch.
WNYC-Negro Melody Singers
WJZ-Symphonic Matinee
4:30-WJZ-Weekend Whines
4:45-WABC-News from Manila

Films Teach
'Safety for
The Citizen'

Two film programs, "Safety for
the Citizen" are being shown alter-
nately at 3 P.M. daily except Sun-
days, in the Museum of Modern Art
auditorium, and they will continue
through the period of their useful-
ness to the public.

Each program, forty-five minutes
in length, is composed of six short
films made in England to show
citizens what to do and what not to
do in the modern warfare which
has turned the great cities of the
world into battlefields and front-
line trenches. These programs are
being shown in addition to the Mu-
seum's regular four o'clock film
programs.

Two of the films on the "Safety
for the Citizen" programs have just
arrived from England and are
having their first public showing at
the Museum. These are "Children
Army" and "Shunker Black Night
Off." Others such as "Ack Ack,"
"Mr. Proudfoot Shows a Light,"
"Stop, That Fire," and "Goofer
Trouble have never been shown at
the Museum. Four of the films,
"Neighbors Under Fire," "War and
Order," "A Job To Be Done," and
"Musical Poster No. 1" were shown
as part of the Museum's "Britain
at War" exhibition in the spring
and summer of 1941.

N. M.'s Howitzer Hop
Welcomes Service Men

A martial note will mark New
Masses annual New Year's Eve
celebration which has been dubbed
the "Howitzer Hop." It is planned
to make the Royal Windsor, scene
of the affair, a rallying point for
feeling the men in service. Here,
as everywhere throughout the country,
warring America's first New Year's
celebration under arms will center
around the youth in uniform.

Tickets have been sent to the
USO for distribution to soldiers,
sailors and marines on holiday pur-
sue and they have been promised
a full evening of dancing and en-
tertainment.

Music will be provided by two
top-rank bands. The first is Don
Redman who has been an NBC and
CBS headliner for many years. His
orchestra will be supplemented by
Don Florenza's rumba band which
specializes in South American
rhythms.

The ballroom will be decorated
with original designs for civilian
defense, army and navy posters
drawn by leading artists. Among
these expected to contribute are
Gropper, Rockwell Kent, Jamison,
Reinhardt, Soriano, Lozowick,
Gottlieb.

Side-Glances at the Screen

By Sylvia Taylor

Sneak previews, Hollywood's way of testing a movie
by an unexpected showing before a neighborhood audience,
may soon give way to more scientific methods. Columbia
University is experimenting with a new reaction testing ma-
chine that's an adaptation of the program analyzer device
for radio developed by Dr. Paul
Lazarfeld and Frank Stanton.

Reactions to a picture are recorded
on a graph throughout the
showing by 15 people who press
buttons in front of them to register
their distaste or satisfaction.

Film distributors report requests
from exhibitors for repeat book-
ings of old pictures that can be
made to tie in with the fact of
America's being at war. Action
films featuring various branches of
the services are in demand, to-
gether with anti-fascist films. Most
of the old service films had very
little in them but variations on the
old Sergeant Flagg vs. Captain
Quirt stuff. The lesson for the in-
dustry is that there's a vast poten-
tial market for real anti-Axis pic-
tures that will present the issue
faced by the whole democratic
world honestly and squarely.

And the many stories dressed up in army
uniforms starring Bob Hope and
Abbott and Costello or Jimmy Dur-
ante and Sid Silvers aren't the
answer. Comedy is all right but in
its proper place and perspective.
The situation is a bit more serious
than that.

America's formal entrance into
the war has already started a flood
of military and naval scripts roll-
ing towards the studios. Within one
week of Japan's onslaught against
Pearl Harbor 20th Century-Fox
alone received more than 100
stories dealing with Hawaii and
Japan. All the studios together
chopped up about 1,000 similar
stories and they're still coming in.

Next week all Government de-
partments and agencies using films
will meet to plan coordination of
their work in the Victory Program.
Lowell Mellett, director of the Of-
fice of Government Reports, will
preside in his new added capacity
as Coordinator of Government
Films for the duration of the war.
It will be his job to eliminate over-
lapping in functions and to achieve
an integrated official policy on
films. An equally important task
facing Mellett is to induce Holly-
wood to make better use of its
enormous facilities in promoting the
war effort.

Two agencies already at work for
the Government in the broad film
field are the Inter-American Af-

Must Be Funny



Rita Hayworth and Orson Welles seem to enjoy the script of "These
Are Frenchmen and Frenchmen" to be produced Monday, Dec. 29th,
over the Columbia network (WABC) on the Orson Welles program at
10 P.M. Miss Hayworth will co-star with Welles in the play.

Pulham Has Little Choice
But Vidor Makes Best of It

By Milton Meltzer

"H. M. Pulham, Esq." is one of those oddities that pops
up once in a great while. It's the story of a very dull fellow
that isn't the least bit dull in the telling. For that you have
to thank Mr. Pulham's creator, J. P. Marquand, who put into
his novel about this Back Bay
the Boston Brahmins from having
been brought up among them him-
self. And give thanks equally to the
superbly skillful screenplay and di-
rection by King Vidor.

Mr. Pulham has grooved nicely
into a middle-aged banker's smug
routine when the imminence of his
25th class reunion at Harvard stirs
him to a little introspection. All
these dates and titles and offices
listed after a man's name in his
class biography begin to slip from
their firm anchorage in his life's
pattern and he relives each impor-
tant period, seeing it now with the
mind of the grown and settled man.

There had been St. Swinfin's
school and Harvard, a sequence
planned for a Beacon Hill youngster
long before he was born, but the
break of war service in France
unsettled that a bit and Pulham
thought he wanted something more
than the banker's chair and the
mansion his father would vacate.
Well, he has his try at New York
and the new advertising game and
even a girl different from his New
Englanders but it's no go. And
when he looks back at it twenty-
odd years later, it's not with the

Vidor's Direction
Solid and Imaginative

In spite of that, King Vidor is a
handy enough man with a camera
and music and all the tricks a ve-
teran can know to keep you watch-
ing Pulham's little ups and downs.
He uses the device of having Pul-
ham's voice comment in the sound-
track on action taking place in his
own far gone past. He has Pulham
soliloquize quite directly when he's
alone on the screen, or has him
murmur his silent thoughts aloud
even with other characters present.
He does many other good things
with sound, as in that scene where
Pulham reads silently at a business
conference a moving personal letter
from his girl with her voice heard
in the soundtrack playing against
the matter-of-fact voices of the
men talking about stocks and
bonds.

In the part of Pulham Robert
Young does far better than he ever
has before. It was a difficult job,
for this Bostonian is essentially
priggish and undramatic. Yet Young
captures that quality and adds to
it a human warmth that carries
fine conviction. Hedy Lamarr over-
comes the handicaps of previous
typing as a glamor girl and a
Viennese accent to make the mid-
western girl fairly acceptable.
Charles Halton and Douglas Wood
have a field day with their satire
on ad agency big-shots and as Pul-
ham's father Charles Coburn adds
another solid success to his rapidly
growing list of film credits.

Tarzan Goes
Down Before
B. Fitzgerald

By David Platt

Tarzan Johnnie Weissmuller, the
superman of the Afro-Hollywood
jungle, swims like a salmon and
catches them with his bare hands
and when danger lurks yodels like
a yapping yu-yu in "Tarzan's Je-
ret Treasure." MGM's latest juve-
nile jungle adventure yarn which is
based on the well-known comic
strip.

The plot thickens when Tarzan's
son Boy uses gold nuggets in his
slingshot and arouses the male-
volent side of two members of a
scientific expedition (I think they're
after a rare specimen of man-eating
grass) but the villains get what's
coming to them. After their bones
and muscles have been softened up
by a herd of elephants, they're
swallowed whole by alligators.

Once again all the bad natives
are ethnicals and all the good
natives safari slaves. There are
rarely any in-betweens in Holly-
wood jungle pictures.

Barry Fitzgerald's Irishman is the
real hero of "Tarzan's Secret
Treasure." If I never see another
Tarzan film I will always look back
with reverence on that beautiful
scene in which Barry Fitzgerald,
recalling to himself the ancient
legends of his people, tries to out-
stare a charging lion before run-
ning for the nearest tree.

The Capitol is also showing "War
Clouds on the Pacific," a two-reel
film issued by the Canadian Minis-
try of Information dealing with the
Japanese threat to North
America. It is an excellent introduc-
tion to the war on the Pacific. Al-
though made prior to the stab-in-
the-back raid on Pearl Harbor, it
gives, ironically enough, very logical
reasons why the United States and
Canada must erect proper defenses
against Japan and the Axis and
be ever on the alert for surprise
attacks, and points to the nearness
of Japanese bases in the Pacific to
Alaska.

Mickey Rooney
Again Tops Year's
Box Office Best

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28.—Mickey
Rooney is still king of the box
office at the movies, the Motion Pic-
ture Herald's annual nationwide
poll of theatre-owners revealed to-
day. Three years ago he took over
first place from Shirley Temple and
now, having won it every year since,
equals the record set by Miss Tem-
ple, making her "comeback" at the
age of 12.

Clark Gable, picked as second best
attraction, continued in the first 10
for the 10th consecutive year, ever
since the poll was begun. He was
third last year.

Others in the first 10, in order of
selection, were: Bud Abbott and
Lou Costello, the comedy team of
whom Hollywood had scarcely heard
a year ago; comedian Bob Hope,
also a newcomer to the first 10;
Spencer Tracy, who was second last
year; Gene Autry, fourth last year;
Gary Cooper, an "honorable men-
tion" last year; Bette Davis, ninth
last year; James Cagney, sixth last
year, and Judy Garland, also 10th
last year.

Bing Crosby, who was seventh
last year and has been among the
first 10 most years since the poll
was established, dropped out of the
select company this year.

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COAST TO COAST

By MIKE QUIN

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

A CERTAIN member of our American family is now in
the act of winning an admiration that will stand as
one of the most enduring results of this war.

He is a kind of an adopted son, and has often been
referred to as "our little brown brother."

"Little brother" in any family can tell you that such a status is
a sort of pain in the neck, and being patted on the head, however
kindly, gets very tiresome after awhile.

Today we can throw that sentimental phrase out the window.
The Filipino is our strong comrade-in-arms and is
being recognized as such.

The courage, patriotism and tough fighting
qualities of the Filipino is no news to me. I've been
to the Philippines several times and I can tell you,
I'd hate to be one of those Japanese soldiers in-
vading Luzon.

I was not surprised, either, to hear that Filipino
pilots went up in old training planes and knocked
the most modern Japanese fighters out of the sky.

Today the Filipinos are fighting with modern
equipment instead of bolos. Given a cause they can
take to their hearts, the Filipinos would be a
formidable force in any territory. But fighting to
defend their own country and their own homes
they are inspired warriors to whom fear is unknown.

In the matter of prowess also they are a foe to be respected and
feared. The success of Filipinos in American prize-fighting is no ac-
cident. Fighting in their own jungles and mountains with modern
weapons to which they have adapted themselves with exceptional
facility, they can only be mastered by overwhelming superiority of
numbers.

Their friendship and respect for America and all things American
is immense and sincere. And I know that their friendship is a valu-
able thing you can depend on.

They want to establish their identity as a nation and as a people.
I am glad that today we stand as their greatest friend cooperating
with them toward that end, and not as an impediment.

I am aware of all the poverty and injustices that exist in the
Philippines. But I don't intend to use those things now as a means
of growing up dimension which would deliver the Filipino people into
Japanese slavery.

I am also aware of clean bright school houses and serious students
in the Philippine Islands. I am aware of libraries, hospitals and modern
facilities. And I know that when the Philippine people want to in-
dicate Americanism, they point to these things, not the rancid slums.

The Philippine Islands have had a hard history, and their people
have been handicapped in many ways. But that handicap is com-
pensated to some extent by the extreme diligence and intelligence with
which the Filipinos approach the arts and sciences of the modern world.

Filipino students often outstrip their fellows. They are driven
on by the deep desire of a race of people to excel and distinguish
themselves. They reverse learning and culture. They want to be an
equal friend and pal of Americans—not a "little brother." And they
more than deserve that comradeship.

They've got what we call "the stuff." If you don't know it yet,
you're going to find it out before this war is over. The Japanese are
finding it out right now.

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Terry Told Him to Forget Baseball

But Frank McCormick, Who Leads League First Sackers in Fielding Figures, Didn't Take the Advice

Before Frank McCormick landed with the Cincinnati Reds for keeps in 1938, his chief claim to baseball fame lay in the classic brushoff he received from Bill Terry when he applied for a first baseman's job. McCormick, who topped the National League's first base guardians for the third consecutive year last season, according to official fielding averages was only 19 years old then but had been working out at the Polo Grounds daily.

His daily stint stopped short when he received a letter from Terry who had just taken over John McGraw's job as manager of the Giants. It said in part, "If you have a good job, keep it and forget about baseball." But McCormick ignored Terry's advice so well that he was chosen the league's most valuable player in 1940 and last year turned in a percentage of .995 for 154 games.

He made 1,464 putouts and accepted 1,564 chances while committing only eight errors. He led in '40 with .995 and in '39 with .996. Johnny Mize of St. Louis finished second, one point lower.

It was a tough battle among the second basemen with Lonnie Frey of the Reds nosing out Burgess Whitehead of New York for top honors. Frey registered .998 in 145 games and Whitehead, .995 in 104 games.

Merrill May of Philadelphia won third-base honors, finishing at the top with an average of .972 in 140 contests. Jimmy Brown of St. Louis bagged second place with .965 in 123 games.

For the second consecutive year youthful Eddie Miller of Boston set the shortstop pace in 154 games with an average of .966. Billy Jurges, Giants, turned in a mark of .957 for 134 contests.

The aging but agile veteran, Johnny Cooney of Boston, who finished second in the batting race, topped the outfielders with an average of .906 for 141 games. Dom Dilescandro of Chicago and Terry Moore of St. Louis came next with .897 and .894 respectively.

Ray Berres of Boston led the catchers with .952 in the .940 of Brooklyn's Mickey Owen. Twenty-eight pitchers fielded 1,000 with the

Louis, Baer Start Hard Training

It was back to serious work for champion Joe Louis and challenger Buddy Baer as the two heavyweight boxers began concentrating on their impending bout in Madison Square Garden, Jan. 9.

Louis went to work on a Christmas turkey at Greenwood Lake and fiddled around with 884 Christmas cards and a few friends after brief roadwork in the morning. His handlers said he would return to his regular training schedule today.

Baer, who is camped at Lakewood, N. J., reported his slight injuries received in a recent auto crash would not seriously interrupt his routine. He will not spar for a few days but will continue work on the bags and on the road.

A REMINDER...



Of just how tough a foe Joe Louis is taking on in Buddy Baer Jan. 9 for the Navy Relief Society. This is Joe as he landed on the rag apron outside the ropes, wrong side up, in the first round. He came back in coolly at the count of five and knocked Buddy out in the 6th.

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Tomorrow
 MARKET ANALYSIS of the week's news, by Sender Garlin, Daily Worker columnist. Sunday, Dec. 28th, 2:30 P.M. Workers School, 50 E. 12th St. Adm. 50c.
 FIFTH AVENUE FORUM presents Prof. Horace B. Davis, Simmons College, Boston, well known speaker. See 1943 in at Club Danceland, 322 W. 125th St. Adm. 50c. 9 P.M.
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On The Score Board

Touching On a Variety Of Subjects

By Lester Rodney

Back to the typewriter after a short whirl with the little germs—and though it's a little late, a Merry Christmas to all and thanks to those whose greetings hit our desk while friend Scorer was holding the fort.

'Tis a busy period right ahead in the world of sports here in New York. An invasion of the Garden by the best college basketball teams in the land begins tonight and will have run through eight games by Jan. 3. For those to whom the nation's most played sport is still just a lot of boys running around in fancy colored underwear, there's the world's greatest (positively) football team, the Chicago Bears, vs. the All Star cream of the National League crop at the Polo Grounds next Sunday. And the following week there'll be another chance to see the greatest heavyweight champion in history in action when Joe Louis meets Buddy Baer for the benefit of Navy Relief. (The Bear-Star game profits go to the same fund). In between the ear will be assailed via the air by a variety of Bowl Games, of which the most interesting will be Fordham vs. Missouri at New Orleans.

You pays your money or turns your dial and takes your choice. It's a super colossal extravaganza, needing only a winter revival of the Yankees vs. Dodgers to round it out. Joe Louis, the Chicago Bears, the Fordham football team and the CCNY basketball team. Bring on your heroes of the Roaring Twenties or Tottering Tens, oh you nostalgic ones...

Buster Miller, sports columnist of the New York "Age," a Negro weekly, forwards some interesting data on the always progressing fight to end discrimination in college sports. Acting as chairman of a "Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in College Athletics," Buster recently sent letters to some 40 schools from Coast to Coast asking their stand in the event of being asked to bench Negro players. The replies to date have been 100 per cent against discrimination.

This is in keeping not only with the present spirit of national unity in a nation fighting Hitlerism, but with the whole trend of the past few years. A steady series of student victories over the old Jim Crow practice of benching Negro stars culminated last spring in Harvard's flat dictum to all opponents that if they did not feel they could compete against any Harvard player for any reason whatsoever, they could immediately get off Harvard's schedule. The immediate cause of Harvard's action was the student campaign against the benching of Lucien Alexis, a Negro lacrosse player, in a game with Annapolis. This campaign received its impetus and organization from the great "Bates Must Play" campaign waged by 3,000 NYU students last year in protest against the benching of a Negro football player in the game with Missouri... a campaign that cut across the Mason-Dixon Line and gained support from students, not only in Missouri itself, but of ten Southern schools. And finally this fall a Negro star of Cornell played against Annapolis at Baltimore, ending an un-American tradition probably for all time.

Some of the answers that have come to Miller at the "Age"—Loren Hickerson, editor of the Daily Worker: "The athletic department would be expected to refuse the request of another school that a Negro member of one of its athletic teams be benched for any reason whatsoever."

Reverend Francis J. Friedel, S.M., Dean of the University of Dayton: "The University of Dayton, a Catholic institution, accepts Negro students on the same terms as any other students. Our athletic administration would not schedule a game with any team that would object to our playing Negroes on the team."

Charles Hicks, director of athletics at Massachusetts State College: "Through the years, several Negro students have been members of varsity teams and I have never detected any feeling of discrimination, either on the part of the player or his teammates. This is a New England State College where all men have been accepted, regardless of race or religion."

Emanuel Friedman, co-editor of Sewanhaka, official undergraduate newspaper of Long Island University, writes: "It is almost unanimous that in the event of prejudice against a Long Island University student of the Negro race in inter-collegiate athletics, the athletic contest in question should immediately be cancelled and all future relations with the school or university exercising that discrimination."

J. A. McLane, director of athletics at Alfred University, writes: "Alfred University has at no time discriminated against Negro athletes competing in inter-collegiate sports. Our record speaks for itself."

G. D. Starnes, athletic director at Kent State University, writes: "Here at Kent State University we allow Negroes to participate in all sports, including swimming. We refuse to have any relations with any school that does not allow the participation of Negro athletes."

Dr. Irving Maurer, president of Beloit College: "This same non-discriminatory policy has always characterized the activities of our athletic teams upon which there have been a small number of great Negro athletes. I know of no development in the near future which would cause us to change this very satisfactory policy."

Dr. Louis C. Wright, president of Baldwin-Wallace College writes: "We make no social distinction in college athletics at Baldwin-Wallace. There has usually been one Negro, and once or twice two, on the football squad. They have to meet scholastic standards the same as the others."

D. H. E. Simmons, president of the University of Akron, says: "I am happy to reply to your inquiry of Nov. 18 in a very positive affirmative. The University has always given Negro athletes every opportunity to represent the institution in inter-collegiate sports."

Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, president of Boston University, writes: "Boston University never discriminates against anybody because of race, color, or creed."

Dr. Stanley King, president of Amherst College, writes: "I do know that since 1890, Negro athletes have participated regularly on our inter-collegiate teams whenever we had Negro athletes capable of making the teams... There has never been any discrimination against them either on the part of our coaches, their fellow-players, or the student body as a whole. They have played in all the games on our schedule unless prevented by injury."

IN ACTION HERE VS. THE BEARS



DON HUTSON, the greatest pass snatcher ever, is one of the National League All-Stars who faces the championship Chicago Bears here January 4th. His battery mate, Cecil Lelbel of the Packers, will be along too. Representing the Dodgers will be Peg Manders and Bruiser Kinard.

Reader on B. Baer

December 22, 1941.

Dear Les:
 Here's something interesting about Buddy Baer. Jacoby Baer was born on June 11, 1915, in Denver, Colorado, named after his dad, Jacob. He started boxing in 1934. He moved to Livermore, California, in 1921. Buddy as a youngster played on the football team in his high school. After school, he worked as a plumber, but he was too big and so could not get under sinks to fix leaks. His mother did not mind Buddy's following in Max's footsteps, so he took up boxing.

Bud has a beautiful voice and one night out in Oakland, California, Bud sang a song and a young lady five feet tall said to herself that this was the man for her. Today they are married and have a daughter six months old. His wife is the daughter of Fred Pearl, Oakland, Calif., boxing promoter.

Buddy is a strong lad, with an improved left hand but a terrific right hand. He lost the fight to Gunmar Barlund because he had set too hard a pace for himself.

In the last fight with Joe Louis, Buddy was aggressive and managed to knock Joe through the ropes. The fans will remember that night for a long time.

Joe Louis, to say the least, is a hard man to beat. The writer has done a little boxing himself and it seems to him that unless Bud does the following, he doesn't stand a chance. Bud should keep to a right, box Joe, try to shoot left-hand jabs and cross his right hand over Joe's left lead. Bud should box from an angle and move strictly to the right.

Bud made a living by stopping leaks; now he stops punches.

NATHAN FORMAN.

SOCCER

Teams of 8 Nationalities in Action This Week

Eight strong Nationality soccer teams representing the United States, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, Scandinavia, Spain, Germany and Jewish will play the first round of the International competition next Thursday (New Year's Day) with the winners meeting in the semifinal on Feb. 22 and the two survivors clashing in the final for the trophy and gold medals on Decoration Day. The pairings for the opening round given out by Jack Flammhaft, chairman of the games committee of the New York State Association, are: United States vs. Ireland at Steinway Oval, Astoria; Scotland vs. Scandinavia at Dana Park, Brooklyn; Spain vs. Germany at Woodward Oval, Ridgewood, and Italy vs. Jewish at Sterling Oval, the Bronx.

Two National League games on tap tomorrow will see Prague, tied for leadership in the standings with Bigelow Sanford, meet the second placed Electrical Workers at Hawthorne Field and Norwegian-Americans tackle Swedish at Benridge Stadium. A win for the Electricians will put them in top berth as Bigelow is idle. Juventus will be taken up with a second round National Amateur Cup tie against Eintracht of the German-American League at Steinway Oval, Astoria.

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LIU, Fordham Picked Over Crack Invaders

Southern California, Rice Open Heavy Holiday Program at Garden Tonight—'Make or Break' Week for Promising LIU Quintet

The big holiday invasion of basketball teams from all over the land against the six New York quintets begins tonight in the Garden when LIU tackles Southern California and Fordham meets Rice of Texas. Doubleheaders Monday and Tuesday night will bring Wyoming, Oregon State, Colorado and Washington University into action against CCNY, Manhattan, St. Johns and NYU respectively.

Lineups, Numbers For Tonight's Games

FIRST GAME—8:15 P.M.
 No. 1 LIU Position U.S.C. No. 10-Beenders... L... O... 11-Cohen... L... O... 12-Holub... C... O... 13-Babich... C... O... 14-Sherry... R... O... 15-Fitzgerald... R... O...
 LIU: 1. U. Reserves-Lewis (20), Schneider (21), Waxman (24), Friedman (25), Roth (26), Berman (27), Gelfand (28), Fuchs (29), Berman (30), Walters (31), Miller (32), DeWitt (33).
SECOND GAME
 No. FORDHAM Position RICE No. 10-Loeffler... L... R... 11-Cohen... L... R... 12-Holub... C... R... 13-Babich... C... R... 14-Sherry... R... R... 15-Fitzgerald... R... R...
 Fordham Reserves-Karpowich (4), Garfield (7), Berman (8), Fineman (12), Elmskiss (17), Egan (18), Mullins (19).
 Rice Reserves-Nannen (10), Walters (11), McCord (12), Zander (13), Lewis (17), Blackburn (19), Zimmerman (20), McDonald (21), Norton (24).

Unbeaten Fur Floor Boys Win Again

The Fur Floor Boys, Local 126, had plenty on the ball as they made the pace too hot for the International Projector Company, league leaders in the Industrial pool, last night, 62-33.

Still undefeated the Floor Boys are currently maintaining themselves at the head of the TUA basketball league.

Last night's tilt was simply no contest as Youngman led the high scoring Furriers with 14 markers. The trio of Williams, Bowers and Shilofork tallied 10 each to keep the net twisting. For the losers "Red" Schenbauer played effectively holding up the fort with 14 points, to tie for the game's high scoring honors.

Southern Cal. has a veteran quintet and a good one. As usual there's a star from Indiana on the team. The starting team averages 6-2, the same as LIU, though none are as tall as Beenders and Holub. It was a USC team that snapped LIU's 42 game winning streak back in 1939.

Fordham makes its first appearance in the Garden with its best team in at least a decade. The veteran crew has lost one game, a one point heartbreaker at Dartmouth. Max Loeffler, Bob Croke, George Sherry and Dick Fitzgerald are some of the operatives who will be remembered from the team of last year which beat North Carolina and Kansas in the 49th St. Arena. A hustling sophomore, Tony Karpowich, rounds out a well manned ensemble.

Rice has won seven straight this year. Bob Kinney and Bill Kloss each go 6 foot 6 1/2 and the captain, Placido Gomez, is a speedy, deft floorman. This game should be a terrific contest between very good offensive teams.

Our selections? We're going to stick to the locals to make it six in a row against the invaders. LIU AND FORDHAM. But no money back guarantee.—L. R.

Rice, Warmerdam Track Standouts

The twin figures of Greg Rice, unchallenged ruler of the world's distance runners and Cornelius Warmerdam, the only 15-foot pole vaulter in history, stood out in the track world in 1941.

Rice, the former Notre Dame ace now carrying the colors of the New York Athletic Club, won 15 races at two and three miles from January through June and broke his own indoor two-mile mark with an 8:51.1 performance at Chicago. This time was also better than the unofficial world outdoor mark of 8:52.2 set by Finland's Taisto Maki.

Warmerdam, clearing 15 feet seven times in four meets, boosted his own record from 15 feet 1 1/2 inches to 15 feet 5 1/2 inches in a series of performances on the West Coast.

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